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REMARKS

Claims 1-135 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 9, 14, 20, 22-23, 27-29, 33-36, 38-45, 48, 61-62, 64-65, 68-71, 73-74, 78, 82, 87, 89-90, 94-96, 100-103, 105-112, 115, 126-127, 129 and 132-133 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gulla (US Pat. No. 6,169,877 B1). Claims 3, 7-8, 72, and 76-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gulla in view of Harper (US Pat. No. 5,585,858). Claims 6, 10-13, 75, 79-81, 21, 24-26, 31-32, 37, 46-47, 63, 66-67, 88, 91-93, 98-99, 104, 113-114, 128, 130-131 and 134-135 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gulla. Claims 15-19, 30, 83-86 and 97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gulla as applied to claims 2 and 71 above, and further in view of Banker (U.S. Pat. No. 6,005,938). Claims 49-60 and 116-125 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gulla as applied to claims 40, 48, 107 and 115 above, and further in view of Budow (U.S. Pat. No. 5,521,631).

Applicant believes that the claim rejections have been overcome by previously filed Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.131 in conjunction with the attached submitted block diagram. The submitted block diagram provides supporting documentation establishing a reduction to practice date prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference.

Submitted herewith is a block diagram having a date (redacted) prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference. As can be seen by reading claim 1 while referencing the block diagram, each element of Claim 1 is supported. Specifically, the element "at least one central facility..." correlates to the "QDC Central Hub" illustrated on the drawing. The element "means for transferring..." correlates to the "Ku Band Satellite" illustrated on the drawing. The element "means for receiving and storing..." correlates to the boxes labeled "Demod" (demodulator) and "Disk Storage" illustrated on the drawing. The element "means for distributing..." correlates to the "Fiber Channel Busses" illustrated on the drawing. The element "means for decompressing..." correlates to the box labeled "Decrypt/Demod" illustrated on the drawing. The element "at least one projection system..." correlates to the boxes labeled "Projector" and "Audio System" illustrated on the drawing. Accordingly, the invention as defined by claim 1 was invented prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference.

Similarly, as can be seen by reading claim 70 while referencing the block diagram, each element of Claim 70 is supported. Specifically, the element "receiving and compressing..." correlates to the "Compress/Encrypt/Modulate" box and pathway illustrated on the drawing. The

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element "transferring resulting compressed image information..." correlates to the "Ku Band satellite" pathway illustrated on the drawing. The element "receiving and storing..." correlates to the "Demod" and "Disk Storage" boxes and pathways illustrated on the drawing. The element "distributing stored compressed image information..." correlates to the "Fiber Channel Busses" pathway illustrated on the drawing. The element "decompressing transferred image information..." correlates to the "Decrypt/Decode" box and pathway illustrated on the drawing. The element "receiving decompressed image information at at least one projection system..." correlates to the "Projector" box and pathway illustrated on the drawing.

Accordingly, the invention as defined by claims 1 and 70 were reduced to practice prior to the effective date of the Gulla reference. Claims 2-69 ultimately depend from claim 1, and claims 71-135 ultimately depend from claim 70. As such, the Gulla reference is not available as prior art against any of claims 1-135, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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